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LETTER DATED 19 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MOLDOVA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Nicolae Tau, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, dated 18 February 1993 (see annex), concerning the large scale military manoeuvres of the 14th Army of the Russian Federation on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

I should be extremely grateful if necessary arrangements would be made to circulate as urgently as possible the text of the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tudor PANTIRU
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Moldova to the
United Nations

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Annex

Letter dated 18 February 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Moldova addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to several recent events, which constitute a serious violation of the sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova and destabilize the social-political situation which is already considerably fragile.

In this regard, I inform you that the 14th Army of the Russian Federation started on 15 February 1993, in an arbitrary way, without informing the authorities of the Republic of Moldova, large scale military manoeuvres, not taking into consideration the opposition of the Government of the Republic of Moldova towards such actions, thus violating the resolution "Regarding certain measures of alleviating the situation in the eastern regions in connection with the intervention of a foreign army" adopted by the Parliament of Moldova on 27 May 1992 and Moldo-Russian Convention on the principles of a peaceful settlement of a military conflict in the eastern regions. Unfortunately, all our attempts to tackle this problem on bilateral level have failed.

I consider that such destabilizing actions should receive decisive response of the world community.

In this context, I consider appropriate to introduce in the mandate of the United Nations mission expected to visit Moldova, an item stipulating the participation of United Nations representatives, as observers to the bilateral negotiations regarding the withdrawal of military units of the Russian Federation from the territory of my country, including the monitoring of the withdrawal process itself.

Nicolae TAU
Minister of Foreign Affairs